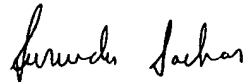


Any difference between new Claims 14-26 and original Claims 1-13 is deemed to at most broaden the scope of new Claims 14-26.

The present application is believed to be in condition for a full and thorough examination on the merits. An early and favorable consideration of the present application is hereby respectfully requested.

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